

objected, came and caught him at the Ross-Bane house, picked up his shotgun, beat him over the head with it, and drove him home.

Annie signed an affidavit swearing the children to be Leslie Park's and a warrant was issued for him by the magistrate. All the Rosses and Banes were subpœnaed to the trial in the courthouse. Parks submitted, gave bond to pay Annie \$100 for the two children, and gave a bond of \$200 for their support. When this arrangement was ended, a warrant was served on Annie for fornication and adultery, and she was convicted in a special session of the County Court, given a six months jail sentence, which was suspended, and she was sent to the Salvation Army Home in Greenville, S. C., with her younger baby, admission for her having been previously arranged.

All parents were then summoned to appear with their children before the Juvenile Court, where Jane's three children under six years and Annie's two-year-old girl were committed to the Children's Home Society of North Carolina, and Mary Eliza, age 15, was committed to the State Training School for Girls.

Thus the seven younger members of the family were committed to the care of those who could train and educate them and give them a chance to become good citizens. Mr. Ross, his wife, Molly, Jane and her eighteen-year-old boy, Walt, are left at home. The Welfare Officer, neighbors and benevolent agencies are attempting to help the boy to a knowledge of a normal moral life.

Mere commitment did not end the matter for those working with this family. When the Welfare Officer and deputy sheriff brought in the little children, some good women of the W.C.T.U., the Secretary to the Superintendent, and neighbors, were waiting at their homes with contributions of clothing, soap and scrub-brushes. The three little boys, Jane's children, were not content to leave home, and cried pitifully. They were the dirtiest, most ragged and uncouth little fellows imaginable. Dirt was caked on them. Never before had they experienced a real bath. The little waifs screamed like they thought they would drown. But never was there a greater change in appearance and disposition in children. They were happy and proud of their new clothes and clean bodies.

These good ladies kept them overnight and took them next morning, with their sister's little two-year-old girl, to Greensboro.

Annie, with her baby and her sister Mary, stayed with a motherly woman who kept a boarding-house. Their first bath came on the day following. The Charity Organization Society Secretary and her sister took them, one at a time, for their novel experience of baths. These good women then fitted them out completely with fresh, clean clothing. This remarkable change made